

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., December 30, 1889. 188

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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He is also authorized to come to Washington and examine the melting and cupel furnaces in the laboratory of this bureau, and take any measurements that may be necessary.

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